Petition re misappropriation of timber and tress from Neriamangalam Range.

42. *Mr. N. V. Chacko (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received a petition dated 7-11-113, from Mr. E. O. Varkki and others referring to their previous petitions and telegrams;

(*b*) whether the petition referred to misappropriation of timber and trees from the Neriyamangalam Range in the Thattakat Section of the Malayattoor Division by some of the officers in charge of the forest or through their dishonest connivance causing great loss to the Government:

(*c*) whether any action has been taken on the petition by them;

(*d*) if any action has been taken, whether the matter has been finally disposed of; and

(*e*) if not, why it is that such delay is caused in disposing of the matter?

Mr. R. Dhanukoti Pillai; (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The matter is under enquiry.

(*d*) and (*e*) These do not arise in view of the answer to part (*c*).

Non-credit Co-operative Societies.

43. * **Mr. K. K. Kuruvila** (*Mavelikara and Tiruvalla* cum *Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state the average number of non-credit societies that have been started in a year since non-credit Inspectors were appointed?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: 11.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: May I know whether the expense incurred on account of the appointment of these non-credit Inspectors is commensurate with the results obtained?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The total number of non-credit societies registered since the appointment of non-credit Inspectors is 66. Before their appointments there were only 24 non-credit societies, *i. e.* from the commencement of the department till 1107. Since 1108, *i. e.* after the appointment of non-credit Inspectors 66 societies were registered and I hope that the number will go on increasing though the immediate result may not be quite commensurate with the expenditure incurred.

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